

Ian Bruce Stevens

The following has been prepared by George Stevens who currently is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for a cancerous condition, and is unable to travel.

In 1923 Frederick Stevens married Cecily Pescott. They had 2 sons, Richard, aka Dick in 1924 and George in 1929. Fred and Cecily divorced in 1943. Fred then married Nancy Sim, and they had one son, Ian Bruce born 1947. This is how Ian and George are half brothers.

For reasons such as the age differential of 16 years, widely different occupations and family demands, Ian and George had irregular contact for the remainder of their adult lives. Christmas cards were always exchanged and Ian was visited on the occasions of Brisbane visits. The meetings were always friendly, cordial and co-operative.

In his adult life Ian tended to portray the image of a reserved, taciturn, non communicative person, but in reality he was always willing to respond to requests. In his early life he showed an independence of spirit, as illustrated by the following story. Coming home from Sunday School one Sunday when he was about 5 years of age, my wife Shirley asked him where had he been. The truculent reply was ames of songs to sing, and I said I hate her also.

Ian was not an easy man to get to know, but in his defence he had the satisfaction of knowing that what he did and how he did it was his way. He was satisfied with his life, and therefore we, his family and friends, should share that satisfaction.